REGISTRATION INFORMATION

College of Architecture
Class of 2028

Course registration takes place July 9-11.
Your registration date and time will be posted in WebSTAC in early June.

The total units required for your degree in Architecture is 120 for the BS (Bachelor of Science) and the BA (Bachelor of Arts). All students begin on the BS track and may later decide to pursue the BA upon consultation with their academic advisor. In both cases, you will take an average of 15 credit hours/semester. Each semester will consist of a combination of required courses and elective courses.

THE BIG PICTURE

REQUIRED COURSES

A46 ARCH 111C: Introduction to Design Processes I
4.5 units

The first year of the core studio sequence examines interactions between architecture and environments through the design of a small-scale project. Key concerns include global climate change, ecological systems, and sustainability. This year emphasizes experimentation in which students search for a conceptual position relative to architecture history, theory, and culture via the iterative development of form, geometry, space, and aesthetics. More specifically, this studio focuses on engagement with abstraction, context, and temporality in a series of design projects that include: (1) a body device, (2) a ground, and (3) a temporary structure. Exercises explore problems of translation between 2 and 3-dimension, site and climate study and design, and narrative design. Introduction to Design Processes I is the first in the series of the five required core studios in the undergraduate architecture program. You will be pre-registered for this course.

A46 ARCH 151: Representation I
1.5 units
This course introduces students to the tools, techniques, software, equipment, and media at play in architectural representation. Organized as a lab, the course presents a series of one to three-week-long, in-class exercises that focus on skill-building and encourage experimentation. Representation I is the first in the series of two required representation workshops in the undergraduate architecture program. You will be pre-registered for this course.

**L01 Art-Arch 113: History of Western Art, Architecture, and Design**
3.0 units

This course is required for the BS and BA and is taught in the fall only. Please be sure you also select a required subsection, which is a discussion section that meets weekly and supplements class lectures.

**L59 CWP 112-119: College Writing**
3.0 units

All WashU students are required to complete a writing course their first year. The College Writing Office determines whether you take this course in the fall or spring semester. To facilitate this process, all incoming students are required to complete the Writing Placement exam by June 24. Please see this [College Writing FAQ](#) for additional information and details.

Semester assignments are made in mid-summer and you will be notified once an assignment as been made.

To satisfy the writing requirement, you will choose from among several themed options. If you are assigned the spring semester for College Writing, you may take an elective course in this slot.

**L24 Math 131: Calculus I**
3.0 units

You should plan to take Calculus I in the fall unless you have an Advanced Placement Math AB or BC exam score of 5 or an International Baccalaureate High Level (HL) score of 6 or 7. Please review the [Advanced Placement Credit Procedures](#) or the [International Baccalaureate Procedures](#) for details. If you do not need to take Calculus, you may take an elective course in this slot. Please take the Math Placement Exam (details below) to confirm you are placed in the appropriate section of Calculus.
Depending on your standing with Calculus and your College Writing placement, you may have room in your fall schedule for **one or two additional courses**. Those suggested below are commonly taken by first-year Sam Fox students. Some fulfill Distribution Requirements and others count as elective credit.

A word about **Distribution Requirements**: College of Architecture students must fulfill requirements in each of the following areas:

- 3.0 credits in Humanities (Arch: HUM),
- 3.0 credits in Social and Behavioral Sciences (Arch: SSC),
- 6.0 credits in Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Arch: NSM). **Note: Calculus and Physics (which you are required to take as a sophomore) fulfill your NSM distribution requirements.** Distribution requirements do not need to be fulfilled during your first year. For a course to count as a Distribution Requirement, it must have the distribution code (e.g. Arch: SSC) listed under “Attributes” in the course description online.

**Suggested electives:**

- **Designing Creativity: Innovation Across Disciplines**
  A46 ARCH 175 (3.0 credits, Arch: HUM)

- **Intro to Microeconomics**
  L11 Econ 1011 (3.0 credits, Arch: SSC)

- **Introduction to Psychology**
  L33 Psych 100B (3.0 credits, Arch: SSC)

- **Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**
  L77 WGSS 100B (3.0 credits, Arch: HUM)

- Any of the many of **First-Year Programs (L61)**, which are topical seminars designed for first-year students.
Course Listings are available in the “Courses & Registration” dropdown menu on WebSTAC. You can search for courses using the Listing tab or the Search tab. The Listing tab is good for broader searches within schools and departments. The Search tab is good for conducting more detailed searches, say, if you want to find courses based on distribution requirements or those that are offered on particular days and times.

Understanding all the details of a course listing can be confusing at first. In the Registration section of the Advising site on Inside Sam Fox (our school’s intranet; details below) you will find a diagram explaining how to read and interpret a course listing.

Your Registration Worksheet (RWS) is a planning tool that helps you select courses and organize your schedule. It is available through WebSTAC, which is only accessible with your WUSTLKey. Once in WebSTAC, you will find your Registration Worksheet under the “Courses & Registration” dropdown menu.

If you have not set up your WUSTLKey, please look for an email from the Office of the University Registrar that contains instructions on how to do so.

There is a RWS1 where you can add your first choices and a RWS2 where you can add second choices and alternate sections of a course. You may also add notes or comments in the “My Note” column of your RWS.

Once you have filled out your RWS, please email your Four-Year Advisor so you can be authorized to register for classes.

We have a robust intranet called Inside Sam Fox that is a great resource for students in areas such as study abroad, technology, advising, peer mentoring, and community engagement.

Under the section Students > Advising, you will find detailed information about academic advising including degree requirements, sample curriculums, academic policies, student support resources, and course registration.

How many classes should I take in the fall?

For your first semester you should plan to enroll in 15 credits. You must be enrolled in minimum of 12 credits/semester.
**How does AP credit impact my course selection?**

If you have taken Advanced Placement exams or completed an International Baccalaureate Diploma, you may place out of some introductory courses and receive credit. Please review the [Advanced Placement Credit Procedures](#) or the [International Baccalaureate Procedures](#) for details. **We must have test results/scores before credit will be awarded.** Official scores from the College Board arrive in August. Any changes to your course selections will be made at that time.

**Should I take any placement exams?**

If you plan to take Chemistry, Computer Science, or a foreign language, you must take a [placement exam](#) first. Information about Dance, Math, Music auditions, and the Writing Placement Exam is also available at the link above.

**Can I receive credit for courses I took at another college or university?**

Yes, if the credits earned did not count towards your high school graduation requirements. To see what credit you might earn for college courses you’ve already taken, please have your transcripts sent to Aaron Akins ([aakins@wustl.edu](mailto:aakins@wustl.edu)).

**What’s the difference between the BS and the BA? How do I know which one to choose?**

All students in College of Architecture begin on the BS track and may subsequently change to the BA after consultation with their Four-Year Advisor. The first three years of the BS and the BA are the same. Most College of Architecture students will graduate with a BS.

**What supplies do I need?**

Incoming architecture students will receive detailed information about the first-year supply kit list by email in mid-June. This email will include supply kit contents with links to suggested products, instructions on how to get these kits through Sam Fox, and how to opt out of having those materials ordered for you. Kits are a one-time purchase for incoming students that contain tool/supplies that may be used through their entire time in the program. Supply kits will be ordered for each incoming student automatically unless that opt out by the requested date. Kits can only be ordered as a set. If a student opts out, they opt out of the entire kit and take full responsibility for purchasing their own supplies before the start of the semester. Students cannot opt out of only a few supplies. More information on the opt-out deadline
and supply kit details will be included in the email sent in mid-June.

**What are the material fees listed for some classes?**

These fees aid in the purchase of supply kits, provide transportation for field trips, consumable materials, and other things such as paper, ink, etc., that are specific to a class. Such materials will be purchased by your professor and given to you in class.

**What kind of computer should I have at school?**

Please refer to the computer recommendations accompanying this document. They are also available under Students > Advising > Registration on Inside Sam Fox.

**Where will I do my work for my studio courses?**

You will have a dedicated space in Givens Hall where you can work and keep your supplies.

You’re all set! Please contact your Four-Year Advisor with any questions!